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Oct. 1, 2021

To Staff and the Twin Rivers School Community,

Today, Governor Newsom announced that vaccinations will be required for education staff and students, effective the next school year. I write this message just minutes after the Governor's announcement, so I am not yet completely clear on all the details, specifically the ages when students are required to have the vaccination, but I am working with education leaders to study the details. I will provide more information to you as soon as the particulars have been studied.

You've probably also heard that school districts throughout the state have been taking action to mandate student vaccinations prior to the Governor's announcement.

While there is much hope attached to vaccinations, I did not recommend that we require vaccinations for students without government or public health directives.

I believe that parents and families are our trusted partners in their children's education, and to this point, we respect our parents' voices and personal beliefs; therefore, unlike other districts, we were not taking action independent of legislative or executive direction.

That said, the public health experts strongly urge vaccinations, so I remind you that we are offering vaccinations free of cost to families and children throughout our community.

We will continue to follow state and county guidance and will closely monitor all county and statewide discussions about requiring COVID-19 vaccinations in K-12 schools which, as you know, is the case with polio, diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, hepatitis B, measles, mumps, rubella, and chickenpox.

I am pleased to share that 76 percent of our employee population is fully vaccinated. I believe this and following the public health guidelines will help us continue to slow the spread of COVID-19. For anyone interested in receiving a vaccination (12 years of age and older), please [click here for dates, times and registration information](#) of free vaccination clinics serving the TR community. If you're a student, you will need to bring documentation showing date of birth, and a parent/guardian must be present at the time of your vaccination. The District is also working with the Del Paso Heights Vaccination Clinic to schedule a booster shot clinic for those who are eligible.

**Around TR**

- **Cash for College Nights** – Be sure to check with high school counselors about Cash for College Nights, which begin this month at our high schools. The informational sessions are for seniors and parents/guardians to learn more about the financial aid process, resources available, required paperwork and deadlines for applications.
- **Parent Workshops & Trainings** – Know Your Rights: 6 p.m. Monday, Oct. 18 and 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 21. The California Rural Legal Assistance Foundation, a non-profit legal services organization serving Sacramento and the Central Valley, will present on several immigration topics, including Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA). Zoom registration: <https://bit.ly/TRUSD-KYR> | [Know Your Rights flyer](#) (English – Spanish).

As always, take care and stay safe.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Steve Martinez".

Steve Martinez, Ed.D.  
Superintendent, Twin Rivers Unified